

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## Forestry and Fire.

Some reflections that were given much publicity about the time the congress of governors met last spring now comes back to memory, bearing a twisted look. We were all very virtuous just then. We had learned to our surprise and horror that our progenitors had been unpardonably reckless in their dealings with the property they should have left intact to us. We scolded them vigorously because they had cleaned off our forests until we were within a quarter of a century of national baldness. The ghosts of those pioneers must be holding their sides when they look down on their successors in this supposedly inexhaustible region of natural affluence and behold us figuring up our fire losses for this summer. The bureau of forestry at Washington estimates that the destruction in the forests so far would equal the cost of a whole fleet of first-class battleships. That would probably amount to more than \$100,000,000. Either our forefathers were not as extravagant as we have been calling them, or we ourselves have not profited by their example. The offence is the more grievous on our part since we realize how easily our forests may be exhausted. Our predecessors thought they would last forever.—Detroit Free Press.

Milk, and nothing else, is the latest cure for stout people. Prof. F. Moritz of Strasburg, the pioneer of this new dietary, declares positively that an exclusive diet of milk is the simplest, the most comfortable and cheapest remedy for obesity. A limited quantity of water may be taken, but, with this exception, the patient takes absolutely no food or drink but milk. The allowance varies in individual cases, from a little over two pints to 3½ pints daily, taken at five separate "meal times." Milk is filling and satisfying, and the patient suffers neither from hunger nor thirst. The cure is easy for the doctor to direct, and makes no great demands on the patient to carry out. As for its efficacy, Prof. Moritz says that one patient lost 56 pounds in 81 "cure days," an average of more than half a pound daily. The cure is said to be especially beneficial in all cases when the patient has any heart or kidney trouble.

The loss of money through the defalcation of M. Alberti, former minister of justice in Denmark, heavy though it is, is not the greatest injury his course will cause. He was a tremendously popular man, the peasants in particular having confidence in his integrity and financial judgment. The failure of the bank of which he was the head, through his reckless speculations and embezzlements, means a total loss of about \$5,000,000, much of which consists of small savings of poor people. These people will suffer for the lack of their money, but they will suffer a greater injury in the loss of confidence in one whom they trusted, a loss that will be manifested hereafter by distrust of better men than he. The evil that such a man does lives after him.

Apropos of Prof. Darwin's theory as to the intelligence of plants, the interesting circumstance is recalled that in some lectures delivered by Prof. Josiah Royce before a class in metaphysics at Harvard a dozen years ago, he maintained that not only plants but all forms of so-called inanimate nature may have intelligence whereby they communicate with each other. He even went to the length of maintaining that we cannot logically say that those intelligences are lower than those of the human mind. We are thus again reminded that there is not much that is new under the sun nowadays either in the domain of fact or theory.

It is characteristic of Lord Rosebery as a so-called Liberal that, after attacking most of the reform policies of his party, he should propose the reform of the house of lords by the addition of a limited number of "eminent representative commoners" by election for the duration of any parliament, with eligibility for re-election. What is to be accomplished by electing only a guaranteed minority in the house of lords? If the hereditary principle holds good clear through the peerage as by law conferring the exclusive right to legislate, the election of untitled members must be wrong.

"GENTLEMEN, YOU'RE OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW."



## WILLIAM A. ROTHWELL DEAD

WAS DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM MISSOURI.

Chairman Mack Designates Committeemen to Attend the Funeral of Their Colleague at Moberly.

Moberly, Mo.—William A. Rothwell, Democratic national committeeman for Missouri, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Horace E. Watts, at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning of Bright's disease. He had been ill nearly a year and for several days he had been unconscious. His funeral was held here Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The Masons had charge of the funeral.

Mr. Rothwell was born in Callaway county 45 years ago. He came to Moberly when he was 10 years old and lived here ever since. His father was Dr. W. A. Rothwell. He was an alumnus of the University of Missouri and taught for a time in the Moberly high school.

Chicago, Ill.—Word was received by Chairman Mack here Sunday night of the death at Moberly, Mo., of Democratic National Committeeman W. A. Rothwell. Mr. Mack appointed the following committee to attend the funeral at Moberly Monday: National Committeeman J. M. Tomlinson of Alabama, Roger Sullivan of Illinois, Guy B. Tucker of Arkansas, R. E. L. Mountcastle of Tennessee, A. A. Jones of New Mexico, Dr. P. L. Hall of Nebraska, vice chairman of the national committee, secretary of the committee; Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis, chairman of finance committee, and John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Mack sent his sympathy to the family. Mr. Rothwell was a prominent lawyer.

St. Louis, Mo.—The death of William A. Rothwell, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, will result in the first employment of the new method of filling vacancies on the committee prescribed at the Denver convention. Heretofore vacancies have been filled by the national committee itself, but under the new rules the successor to Mr. Rothwell will be selected by the state committee of Missouri. A special meeting for this purpose will soon be called.

**Aeronauts Have Narrow Escape.**  
Berlin.—The international balloon race which started Sunday from the suburb of Schmargenberg was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a miraculous escape from death. The American balloon Conqueror, the only Americanbuilt craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than two minutes after the start, burst at an altitude of 4,000 feet. For 2,000 feet it shot down like a bullet and then the torn silk bag assumed the shape of a parachute thus checking the rapidity of the descent. Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with but slight injuries.

**The First Union Volunteer Dead.**  
Washington, D. C.—Dr. Charles Franklin Rand, the first volunteer to enlist in the Union army after President Lincoln's call for troops, and the first soldier to receive from congress a medal of honor for bravery on the field, died here Tuesday aged 70 years. He was born in Batavia, N. Y. He spent three months in Libby prison. Later President Lincoln appointed him provost marshal of the District of Columbia. He will be buried at Arlington in lot No. 1, which was set aside about 40 years ago for the first volunteer when he died.

**Oldest Catholic Priest Dead.**  
Chicago.—Rev. Jeremiah C. Moynihan, the oldest Catholic priest in Chicago and probably in the world, died Tuesday at his home here. He was a centenarian, having been born in Ireland, May 3, 1908. Father Moynihan came to the United States 70 years ago and has been pastor of many churches in the south and in Illinois.

## DIAMOND THIEF CAUGHT.

Negro Arrested in St. Louis Charged With Wholesale Theft.

St. Louis, Mo.—George Foster, a negro, was arrested at 2914 Pine street, this city, late Monday afternoon on a charge of stealing diamonds and jewelry exceeding in value \$35,000 from S. C. Powell, a wholesale jeweler at 170 Broadway, New York.

When Foster was searched by the police \$25,000 worth of unset diamonds were found on his person and in his trunk, as were also \$1,000 worth of diamond jewelry and \$500 worth of watches. Ten thousand dollars' worth is yet to be recovered. The jewels were secreted in nearly every pocket of his clothing, and many were stowed away in a razor case.

Foster denied that he had stolen the gems and said that they were given to him by an employe of the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago.

The arrest was made by police, detectives acting in conjunction with a detective agency in whose hands the case had been placed by Mr. Powell. The valuables were stolen, it is said from Mr. Powell while he was on a train coming from Chicago to St. Louis on June 29. Mr. Powell did not discover the theft until he reached this city. Foster has been a dining and sleeping car porter. He said Monday that he had pawned some of the jewelry in Kansas City and many pawnshop tickets were found on his clothing. Mabel McCoy, a mulatto was arrested with Foster.

## MISSIONARY PROGRESS.

Work of 100 Years Reviewed at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La.—Summing up the foreign missionary work of 100 years done by all churches of Christianity Finis Idleman of Des Moines, speaking before the International Missionary convention of the churches of Christ, said Monday:

"Faith in missionary activities no longer rests on authority but also the assured results of a splendid century of commendable activity. We crown a hundred years with 1,250,000 converts on heathen soil, and with 5,000,000 adherents. There are 4,000 missionary stations with 10,000 organized churches; 8,000 Bible schools and 1,500,000 pupils; 50,000 native ordained preachers tell their story in the language wherein they were born.

## By Wireless to Hawaii.

San Francisco, Cal.—A new record in wireless telegraphy is claimed by the United Wireless Telegraph company which, from its station on Russian Hill in this city, established communication with the Kuhuku station on the Island of Oahu, one of the Hawaiian group. The station at Kuhuku was caught at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and messages were exchanged until 4 a. m. It is claimed that communication between these hours was uninterrupted. The distance to Honolulu is 2,200 miles.

## Father Shot His Two Sons.

Macon, Mo.—Prosecuting Attorney S. S. Durham received a telephone message Tuesday morning saying that D. Oscar Seaman, a young farmer of Drake township, had gone to the district school near Goldsberry, called out his two sons, boys of 10 and 12 years, shot one of them dead, mortally injured the other, and then shot himself.

## Chicago Wins Again.

Chicago, Ill.—After eight innings of clock-work baseball Sunday, "Wild Bill" Donovan, premier pitcher of the Champions of the American league, weakened under the prolonged strain, and the Chicago world's champions captured their second game of the present series, 6 to 1. The first game was won at Detroit Saturday by a score of 10 to 6.

## Work to Begin on a Kansas Road.

Topeka, Kan.—Following a meeting of the board of directors of the Topeka Southwestern Railroad company Tuesday C. K. Holliday, president announced that construction work on the line between Topeka and Council Grove will be begun next Monday.

## TUCKER TO HOT SPRINGS

ACCUSED ARMY OFFICER IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Was Ordered to Government Hospital at the Request of Mrs. John A. Logan.

St. Louis, Mo.—Col. William F. Tucker, assistant paymaster of the United States army, on whom a warrant was served at Decatur, Ill., early Tuesday, charging wife desertion, left St. Louis for Hot Springs, Ark., on an Iron Mountain train at nine o'clock Wednesday night.

Col. Tucker is a very sick man, and whether he will survive the journey is problematical. He was accompanied to the Union station by Dr. Louis H. Behrens, the house physician who was called into the case Tuesday night.

Accompanying Col. Tucker to Hot Springs are G. E. Frey of Chicago and his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Platt, a former teacher in the Philippines, who has been nursing Col. Tucker in his present illness, Mrs. Jennie T. Johnson of Oak Park, Ill., who is a sister of Col. Tucker, and a Filipino servant. Col. Tucker will be taken to the government hospital at Hot Springs whither he was ordered by Secretary of War Wright.

The action of Secretary Wright, it appears, was taken at the instigation of Mrs. John A. Logan, the mother-in-law of the colonel, who desired that he be no longer nursed by Mrs. Platt. Under the rules of the hospital at Hot Springs, outside nurses are not permitted to care for patients there.

## UNDER CIVIL SERVICE NOW.

An Executive Order Changes Many Government Offices.

Washington, D. C.—Many government offices are brought into the classified executive service and future appointments to them must accordingly be filled under the civil service rules, under an executive order which the president signed last Friday and announced Wednesday. They include employees in the five civilized tribes commission, including clerks, stenographers, law clerks, interpreters, watchmen and messengers, 112 in all; persons connected with logging operations of the general land office, rangers, supervisors, foresters and other employees of the national parks and reservations, clerks in the bureau of education, paid from the general appropriation for educations in Alaska, "additional farmers," in the Indian service, employees connected with the allotting and irrigation projects in the Indian service, a law clerk and assistant in the state department, an inspector and overseer in the Fort Leavenworth penitentiary, and scattered employees in other departments, whose positions are similar to those which heretofore were classified and subject to examinations.

## Iowa Liquor Law Supreme.

Davenport, Iowa.—Judge Smith McPherson in the United States court Wednesday gave a final decision in the case of the United Breweries against the Civic Federation of Davenport. He denied a restraining order, asked by the Breweries. He declared the Iowa liquor statute a quasi criminal law and said that the federal court had no power to interfere with its enforcement by state courts.

## An Indian Charged With Bigamy.

New York.—Henry Standing Bear, a fullblood Sioux Indian, who is a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school and formerly was a fullback on the Carlisle football eleven, was arraigned in court here Wednesday, charged with bigamy. The complainant is Hazel M. Moran of St. Louis, who said she was a graduate of Smith college at Northampton, Mass.

## Alton, Ill., Celebrates.

Alton, Ill.—A three days' celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas debate held here October 15, 1858, began Wednesday.

## Wireless Station at Willemstad.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao.—A wireless telegraph station has been established here and will be officially opened October 19.

## A Woman Fatally Burned.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Mrs. Louise H. Chamberlin, a social leader here and a sister of Perry S. Heath, former assistant postmaster general and also editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, was fatally burned here Wednesday night in a fire in her home which started from an explosion of gasoline.

## Arkansas Fight to Continue.

Little Rock, Ark.—After a conference between the state railroad commission and representatives of the different railroads operating in this state, held here Wednesday, announcement was made that all efforts to reach a compromise in the passenger fare controversy had failed and the contest in the courts would continue.

ALL HIS OWN.



"My! What a big figure you are getting!"  
"Well, what does that matter? I haven't taken yours, have I?"

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

## An Ambitious Mother.

"Hubby," said the observant wife, "the janitor of these flats is a bachelor."

"What of it?"  
"I really think he is becoming interested in our oldest daughter."

"There you go again with your pipe dreams! Last week it was a duke."  
—Everybody's Magazine.

## How's This?

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Advice from a Wise Man.

After getting the best of a man in one deal steer clear of him, for he will begin to sit up and take notice.—Exchange.

## A SUDDEN GOLD.



Miss Helen Sauerbier, of 815 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich., writes an interesting letter on the subject of catching cold, which cannot fail to be of value to all women who catch cold easily.

## PERUNA ADVISED FOR SUDDEN COLDS.

It Should be Taken According to Directions on the Bottle, at the First Appearance of the Cold.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., Sept., 1901.—Last winter I caught a sudden cold which developed into an unpleasant catarrh of the head and throat, depriving me of my appetite and usual good spirits. A friend who had been cured by Peruna advised me to try it and I sent for a bottle at once, and I am glad to say that in three days the phlegm had loosened, and I felt better, my appetite returned and within nine days I was in my usual good health.

—Miss Helen Sauerbier.  
Peruna is an old and well tried remedy for colds. No woman should be without it.

